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**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, April 15,  
1826, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Monto. Apr. 15. 26.

Dear Sir

The use you have made of my letters needed no apology. They were in fact public in their nature. Had not my memory so totally left me, I have no doubt I might supply from that source whatever may be defective in the extracts you have made. For altho' I cannot say I recollect that fact yet from my knolege of myself I am conscious that a compliance with your request to return home was so just that I must have consented and I have no doubt Mr. Madison could recall the business whole to my recollection had I the oppty of a conversation with him. With the sincerest wishes for success to your reclamations I tender you the assurances. of my great friendship & respectTh. J.

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